

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 4 and 8 - 20 are pending in the application and stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,688,128 issued to Ikeya or as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,758,691 issued to McHugh in view of Ikeya. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections by the Examiner and requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Claim 1 recites, in part, “a load plate coupled to the socket frame and having a closed position and an opened position over the processor, the load plate closed position compressing the processor connectors into the socket connectors.”

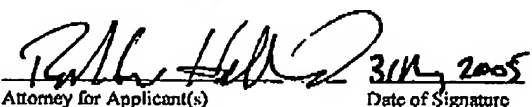
Claim 8 recites, in part, “a load plate coupled to the socket frame and operable to move between a closed position that compresses the processor and an open position that exposes the processor” and “activating an extraction device by movement of the load plate from the closed position to the open position.”

Claim 14 recites, in part, “a load plate coupled to the socket frame and operable to move between a closed position that compresses the processor and an open position that exposes the processor.”

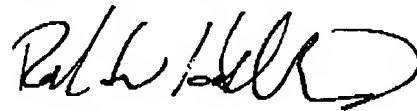
The Examiner equates the processor carrier of Ikeya to a load plate and states that removal of the processor carrier with tweezers is operation of the load plate. However, the carrier of Ikeya is not “coupled” to the socket frame in open and closed positions as recited by Claims 1, 8 and 14. In contrast, the carrier of Ikeya releases free from the socket frame when it is picked up with tweezers. Further, the carrier of Ikeya does not itself compress the processor, depending instead on a cover for that purpose (6:16-26 and 41-48). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1-4 and 8-20.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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